

Iowa State Commodity Advisory Council Meeting

The Iowa State Commodity Advisory Council met at the Crown Point Center in Johnston, Iowa on Friday, February 9, 2007. Jeff Reeves called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Council members attending were: Dean Flaws, Ann Lehman, Jeff Reeves, Joyce Flink, Dalieth Johnston, Sherry Keiaser, Andrea McRell, and LaRae Doll. Lisa Emerson and Nancy Michels were not present. Nancy Michels is moving out of state so will be removed from the council.

Presentations:

1. Linda Norton, Mid American Marketing, (SunnyFresh, Goldkist)
2. Bob Colin, Doherty, (Jennie-O, Michael Food, Schreiber)
3. Gary Bornmueller, DBC Broker, (Horizon, Tyson, Café' Favorites)

Business Items:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes from October 6, 2006. Minutes were approved as read.
3. Information sheets were handed out and completed.
4. Vouchers and claim sheets were completed.
5. The next meeting date will be April 13 at the Des Moines High School central Kitchen. The time will be announced at a later date.
6. Council members voted to skip lunch and proceed with the meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Addendum to agenda –
 - a. Commodity complaints – Andrea reported complaints on the following:
 - Strawberries – Too much juice and not many strawberries.
 - Grilled Cheese – Dried out when cooked.
 - Chicken Products – Requested more unbreaded items.
 - Mozzarella Cheese – Requested five-pound bags instead of 30 pound.
 - Flour – Complaint on packaging – plastic is too thin.
 - Margarine – Complaint that margarine was too soft – possible mislabel.
 - Dean reported there would be no tomato products with the next two commodity orders. We are in the negative for Mrs. Clark's products.
2. Processed Presentations -
 - a. Pierre Chicken- Members liked the whole grain breading on the chicken patty and chicken nuggets. Will bid out in spring of 2007.
 - b. Sunny Fresh – Members liked the breakfast taco and will replace breakfast egg wrap on the 2007-08 commodity orders.
 - c. Michaels – Members liked the whole grain French toast products and will replace regular French toast products with whole grain on the 2007-08 commodity orders.
 - d. Schreiber Cheese – Will continue with NOI with barrel cheese.

- e. Jennie O – No action taken.
- f. Tyson – No action taken.
- 3. Current Processing –
 - a. George's QTF has been purchased by Advance. Dean will check with Advance to be sure the product will keep the same profile because we like that particular product.
 - b. Due to the freeze and shortage of oranges, no OJ will be available.
 - c. FarmRich, the manufacturer of mozzie sticks, pizza dippers, and pizzatas has been purchased by Seapak. Customer service has really suffered and we may have to discontinue for next year if service does not improve.
 - d. Council will look into the possibility of obtaining samples of whole grain turnovers for the next commodity advisory council meeting in October.
- 4. Bid items for April 13 meeting at DM schools –
 - Grilled cheese with whole grain if possible.
 - Whole grain chicken nuggets and patties.
- 4. USDA Foods Available for 07/08 - Dean distributed a handout with a list of commodity foods available for next year and asked members for input.
- 5. Monitoring of salts, fats, sugars in processed selection – Monitoring is ongoing.
- 6. January Newsletter information – Whole frozen eggs reduced in Mason City Warehouse. Ham items were added from USDA for the last delivery of the 06/07 school year.
- 7. SNAI in Dubuque on June 19-20 – Most board members will be in attendance. We will have a booth with a banner and Dean will look into getting promotional items from vendors for a drawing.
- 8. Sub committee news – NOI – New subcommittee meeting pending.

There being no further business, Jeff moved to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. All members approved.

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